

Song Birds and Gold Fish at \$150,000 Rival of Famous Butterfly Dance

Randolphs, of Philadelphia, in Coming Out Ball for Daughter Exceed in Extravagance the Similar Event Given by Neighbor Paul.

Only This Time Victims Are Not Crushed by Feet of Dancers, and Pretty Fish Caught with Hooks Are Thrown Back Into Water.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Gorgeously plumaged live songbirds fluttered through miniature forests and shimmering goldfish darted about in clear little lakes, to be caught with hook and line by misses and matrons, at a ball given last night at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel when Miss Dorothy Randolph made her debut.

Society to-day is convinced the Randolphs have not only "seen" the James W. Paul, who gave a more \$100,000 coming-out affair for Miss Mary Astor Paul in this city a few weeks ago, but have gone them one or two better.

The Pauls had to content themselves with the novelty of feeding fifteen hundred live butterflies. The Randolphs combed the American and foreign markets for beautiful birds that could sing like a prima donna, and gayly colored fishes that lit up the depths of artificial pools like golden shooting stars. Society is in a sort of ecstatic despair over the effect of it—the despair being due to the lurking fear that no Philadelphia will be able to think of anything more oddly extravagant for the future.

If there be one feature in which the ball of the Pauls outdid that of the Randolphs it was in the fact that the weak little lives of most of the butterflies were ended beneath the feet of happy dancers or against the hot globes of electric arc lights.

Torture but No Slaughter.
The Randolphs' songbirds were not slaughtered—they kept well out of the way of glancing feet—and the goldfish were thrown back in the water when the joy of striking a hook in their mouths and drawing them from the pools had been felt.

But then Miss Paul's ball cost only \$50,000, and Miss Randolph's father lost that, it is declared, by \$20,000 at least. Twelve hundred guests assembled in the grand ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford for this affair of all Philadelphia affairs. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dahlgren, Mrs. John R. Drexel and Miss Marjorie Gould, of New York. There they found themselves in a woodland so arranged that the long avenues of real trees seemed to open before them and lead off into some fairy domain.

Rustic bridges spanned the little lakes. Bowers of roses, made to appear as if nature in her love of beauty had grown them on the spot, were arranged here and there. Fountains cast their spray like dew on the flowers. Up in the trees were blue birds, gray canaries, sombre mocking birds and flocks of all the birds that Philadelphia gold could bring in from their natural abodes, set on limbs in painful silence and looked down through the glare of tinted lights on a scene such as Rome never saw even in the days when the empire was selling at the lowest prices it ever brought.

Victims of the "Fun."

The birds didn't seem anxious to sing. They could not understand what it was all about, and they appeared to long for the silent forest where civilization had not come with its refined and cultured wand.

The goldfish—there were other sorts of fancy fish, too—swam with a kind of dull content through their lakes. The lakes were of real water, and that was sufficient for the fishes. But when hooks fell among them they "bit" with a ferociousness which would have perhaps convinced old Isaac Walton they were hungry.

But there was no gloating over the pain of the fish. The ladies had their partners unlose their catches and slide them back—to be caught again if their first experience had not overcome their hunger.

Taken all in all, the society folk pronounced the ball "exquisite."

Mr. Randolph was called a rare genius in devising such an unusual affair. He is the owner of most of Narragansett Pier and holds title to the only pinkwood which furnishes him an income in addition to other interests, which will not redound the effect of his last night's expenditure, even though there are a trifle dull.



DOROTHY RANDOLPH

RAILROADS LOSE IN THEIR TAX APPEAL.

Decision Will Put Additional \$2,000,000 in Jersey's State Treasury.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—The Court of Errors and Appeals has filed an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the Perkins Railroad Tax law, which provides for the taxation of main stem railroad property at an average state tax rate of 1.5 per cent. This class of property previously was taxed at the rate of 20 cents on each \$100, and the total revenue to the State therefrom was about \$1,000,000. Under today's decision the railroads will pay on main stem railroad property over \$2,000,000 a year. The average tax rate for 1907 was \$1.52 on each \$100.

POLISH PRINCE DEAD.
PARIS, Jan. 8.—Prince Stanislas Poniatowski, the head of the historic Polish house of that name, is dead. Two of his sons married American women, Miss Maurice Goddard, of New York, and Miss Elizabeth Sperry, of Stockton, Cal.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE EATEN BY PARROT.

Mayor Burnell, of South Norwalk, rushed into the hall where the Councilmen were waiting to hear his first message. "My message's gone," he said. "Pills tore it up."

Pills is the Mayor's colic. The dog had torn up the document and Maudie, the family parrot, had eaten most of the pieces.

"It was a hot message," Mayor Burnell said. "Wonder it didn't create the posse bird."

POLITE NEGRO FINDS A \$45,000 FORTUNE.

Frank James, a negro boy, of Denver, gave his seat in a railroad train to a young white man, who was so grateful he began to look into the history of the lad with the idea of helping him.

It was learned, much to the surprise of young James, that his father had died a year ago in the City of Mexico, leaving \$45,000. The family might never have known of the fortune had not young Frank interested the stranger by giving him a seat.

"JAIL" AND CULPRIT REMOVED BY TRAIN.

Justice of the Peace Carver, of Elwood, N. J., placed a prisoner he had arrested for auto speeding in a freight car, as there was no jail at Elwood to look him in, to hold him for trial.

A freight train came along in an hour, hooked on to the car and took it away. The prisoner was released at Camden. He wired back his thanks for his easy escape. His auto had been taken to Atlantic City by his companion.

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Size 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 ft., formerly \$298.00; now.....	\$182.00	Size 9 1/2 x 12 1/2 ft., formerly \$368.00; now.....	\$234.00
Size 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 ft., formerly \$356.00; now.....	\$192.00	Size 10 1/2 x 12 1/2 ft., formerly \$445.00; now.....	\$258.00
Size 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 ft., formerly \$356.00; now.....	\$198.00	Size 10 1/2 x 12 1/2 ft., formerly \$537.00; now.....	\$288.00
Size 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 ft., formerly \$356.00; now.....	\$206.00	Size 10 1/2 x 12 1/2 ft., formerly \$544.00; now.....	\$318.00
Size 9 1/2 x 11 1/2 ft., formerly \$356.00; now.....	\$206.00	Size 11 1/2 x 14 1/2 ft., formerly \$755.00; now.....	\$398.00

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Size 10 1/2 x 15 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$208.00	Size 12 1/2 x 16 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$288.00
Size 10 1/2 x 15 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$222.00	Size 13 1/2 x 17 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$362.00
Size 10 1/2 x 15 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$232.00	Size 14 1/2 x 18 1/2 ft., sale.....	\$432.00

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Tenor Solos by Billy Murray	Uncle Josh Story by Cal Stewart
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R. 2—Make a Lot of Noise.	
R. 3—So What's the Use?	Violin Solos by Harold Eisenberg
R. 20—Somebody Has Been Around.	R. 15—Violin Solo in E Flat.
R. 21—The Wandering Homeless Man.	R. 33—Soprano
R. 22—The Whistling Homeless Man.	Baritone Solo by Arthur Collins
R. 23—The Whistling Homeless Man.	R. 29—Much Obliged to You.
Tenor Solos by Albert Campbell	Cornet Solo by John Dolan
R. 4—Take Me with You in Your Dream.	R. 31—Pyramids
R. 5—Naah the Old Acorn Tree.	Banjo Solo by Vess L. Osman
R. 6—The Birthday of a King.	R. 34—The Smiler
R. 7—The Birthday of a King.	Duet by Wheeler and Wheeler
R. 8—On Calvary's Brow (Sacred).	R. 35—The Merry Widow
R. 24—Bedouin Love Song.	Soprano Solo by E. Elizabeth Wheeler
Baritone Solos by Alan Turner	With Quartet Accompaniment
R. 9—Star of Eve (Tannhauser).	R. 37—The Merry Widow
R. 10—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."	Band Selections
Baritone Solos by Percy Hemus	R. 19—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
R. 11—The Sailor's Prayer.	R. 20—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
R. 30—Maxim's from "The Merry Widow."	R. 21—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
Duets by Ada Jones and Billy Murray	R. 22—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
R. 12—Smile, Smile, Smile.	R. 23—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
R. 13—Make Believe.	R. 24—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
R. 30—Wouldn't You Like to Have Me for a Sweetheart?	R. 25—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
	R. 26—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
	R. 27—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
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	R. 40—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
	R. 41—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."
	R. 42—The Merry Moments from "Maritana."

Sale of Curtains and Couch Covers.

Madras Curtains , cream colored; in new designs; \$3.85 grade; a pair.....	\$2.74	Renaissance Lace Curtains , mounted on good heavy cable net; full length and width; \$3.95 grade; a pair.....	\$2.74
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Here, a pair \$2.98.....	\$3.74	—60 inches wide, \$2.50 quality, each.....	\$1.74
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Sun rises 7:24	Moon sets 10:59
THE TIDES.	
High Water, Low Water.....	
Conceder's Lighthouse.....	
Hell Gate.....	

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.	
Blancher.....	Hamburg
Finland.....	Stockholm
Irish Steamer.....	K. K. Smith
Sacramento.....	San Francisco
Oceanic.....	Southampton

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.	
Hedley.....	Gibraltar
Amelia.....	Saragossa
President Lincoln.....	Havana
Irish Steamer.....	San Francisco
Sacramento.....	San Francisco
Oceanic.....	Southampton

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.	
Jefferson.....	Point Comfort
Irish Steamer.....	San Francisco
Sacramento.....	San Francisco
Oceanic.....	Southampton